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Modernisation of public sector steel plants

1114. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to invest Rs. 11000 crores for the expansion and modernisation of public sector steel mills in the country;

(b) if so, the exact investment likely to be made in each steel mill separately;

(c) by when such investment is likely to be made; and

(d) the extent to which the production of steel in the mills is likely to be boosted?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) The Government are considering Steel Authority of India Limited's proposals for the modernisation and expansion of its four integrated plants—Durgapur Steel Plant, Rourkela Steel Plant, Bokaro Steel Plant and Indian Iron & Steel Company, Burnpur.

Expenditure on these proposed modernisation schemes was estimated to be as follows:

	Rs. crores	Base
Durgapur Steel Plant	1357	(III Qr, 1986)
Rourkela Steel Plant	1600	(IV Qr, 1986)
Bokaro Steel Plant .	1100	(III Qr, 1987)
Indian Iron & Steel Company	2928	(IIII Qr

However these estimates are likely to be revised upwards.

(c) The investments have been planned *to* be spread over a period between 1987 to 1995.

(d) As a result of the implementation of these schemes, the production of crude steel is estimated to increase as follows:—

(Million Tonnes

	From	To
	1987-88 (Actual)	after modernisation (at 100% level of capacity utilisation)
Durgapur Steel Plant	0.936	1.80
Rourkela Steel Plant	1.115	190
Bokaro Steel Plant	2.148	4.50
Indian Iron & Steel Company	0.546	2.15

Appointment of former Addl. MD-cum-Cnief annuitant NCCF

1115 SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 3125 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that present Managing Director of N.C.C.F. has superceded many officers;

(b) if so, what are the details and reasons thereof; and

(c) what are the terms and conditions of the appointment of Adviser to Managing Director, and to what extent' he will be useful in discharging his duties when there are a number of senior officers already there to assist the Managing Director?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) The Managing Director (since relieved) of NCCF was appointed on deputation basis from the Indian Administrative Service belonging to the 1960 batch and the question of his superseding officers of the NCCF does not arise.

(c) No adviser to the Managing Director has been appointed in NCCF. However, the former Additional M.D.-cum-Chief Consultant has been appointed only as a part-time Consultant by the NCCF in June, 1988 for a period of one year on a consolidated remuneration of Rs. 2000 per month to utilise his vast experience in the field of Consumer Cooperatives.

Modernisation of IISCO

1116. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposed modernisation of IISCO with the help of Japanese consortium of the five major steel companies led by Nippon Steel Company:

(b) the expected impact on the cost of setting it up and production; and